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| Applicants: Giuseppe Molteni, et al.    | § |                                  |
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| Title: Enzymatic Depolymerisation       | § |                                  |
| of Carboxymethylcellulose In            | § |                                  |
| Hydroalcoholic Solutions                | § |                                  |
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**AMENDMENTS**

Sir: Please make the specified amendments add the following new claims and proceed with the national examination procedures under 35 USC 3.71.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.